

MINUTES OF COUNCIL
MAY 12, 2015

The Batesville City Council met in regular session on May 12, at 5:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building. Mayor Rick Elumbaugh called the meeting to order. Utility Billing Supervisor Nick Baxter gave the invocation. Upon roll call, the following councilmembers answered present; Chris Beller, Tommy Bryant, Sonya Crafton, Margaret Henley, Paige Hubbard, Chris Poole and David Shetron. Also present were the City Attorney Lindsey Castleberry and City Clerk Denise Johnston. Councilmember Doug Matthews was absent.

Councilmember Beller moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Councilmember Bryant seconded and all voted for.

Councilmember Bryant moved to approve the prepared agenda and Councilmember Henley seconded. All voted for.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

**A) CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND
PURCHASE A REPLACEMENT VEHICLE**

Councilmember Beller introduced an ordinance to waive competitive bidding and authorize the City to purchase a replacement vehicle for leaf collections. At the last meeting, the Mayor discussed with the council the condition of the current leaf truck. After weighing the options of purchasing a new truck or repairing the

current truck, the Mayor said the best option is to buy a new truck. The Mayor said he shopped around and found a 2015 Dodge Ram 4500 at Scott Wood Chrysler. After negotiating, he said the City can purchase the truck for approximately \$35,000.00 minus \$5,500.00 trade value for our current truck. Mr. Castleberry read the ordinance in full. Councilmember Beller moved to waive the second and third readings. Councilmember Bryant seconded and the roll call count was 7 for and 0 against. Councilmember Beller moved to adopt the ordinance and Councilmember Shetron seconded. The roll call count was 7 for and 0 against. The ordinance was given #2015-05-01. Councilmember Bryant moved to adopt the emergency clause. Councilmember Shetron seconded and the roll call count was 7 for and 0 against.

B) CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND CONTRACT FOR SLUDGE SEEDING AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Councilmember Bryant introduced an ordinance to waive competitive bidding and authorize the City to contract for sludge seeding at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. City Engineer Damon Johnson explained to the council the process of sludge seeding for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Castleberry read the ordinance in full. Councilmember Bryant moved to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. Councilmember Beller seconded and the roll call count was 7 for and 0 against. Councilmember Bryant moved to adopt the ordinance and Councilmember Shetron seconded. The roll call count was 7 for and 0 against. The ordinance was given #2015-05-02. Councilmember

Bryant moved to adopt the emergency clause. Councilmember Henley seconded and the roll call count was 7 for and 0 against.

C) DISCUSS RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE SIGN ORDINANCE MADE BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Mayor said they were not ready to discuss the proposed sign ordinance changes at this time.

D) ENGINEER'S REPORT

City Engineer Damon Johnson addressed the council with his Engineer's Report. He said in the past week, the City has received 5 to 7 inches of rain which has caused several issues throughout the City. The river is expected to crest at 17 feet which will probably cause some erosion problems. Construction Department is continuing to work on the water/sewer line on Westside as well as Pfeiffer leaks. Wastewater Plant construction is progressing and should be online in the next couple of months.

E) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Beller moved to go into executive session and Councilmember Henley seconded. All voted for.

Upon returning from executive session, Councilmember Bryant moved to reappoint Ms. Nancy Phillips to the Housing Authority. Councilmember Shetron seconded and all voted for. Ms. Phillips term will expire May 27, 2020.

F) REVIEW OF PAID BILLS REPORT

The council was given a copy of the April 2015 paid bills report for review.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Elumbaugh read a proclamation proclaiming May 16, 2015 as Kids to Parks day. The Mayor encouraged the community to take their kids to one of Batesville's many parks.

The Mayor asked Parks Director Jeff Owens to inform the council of the baseball tournament scheduled for this weekend. Mr. Owens said there were 68 teams registered from 4 states for the tournament. He said it all starts at 10:00 AM on Saturday and will end around 9:00 PM Sunday. He said the tournament should bring about 3,000 to town which will make a great economic impact on our City.

The Mayor asked to move the time up for the next meeting on May 26th. He asked to move it to 5:00 PM. Councilmember Beller so moved and Councilmember Henley seconded. All voted for.

LIAISON REPORTS

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bryant said the old Sims property next to the Terry Sims Diamond Sports Complex (the old North Complex) is in the process of being torn down and cleaned up which will add additional parking for the ball fields.

Councilmember Crafton said she had a citizen ask if the City has ever or intended to spray for mosquitos. Mayor Elumbaugh said he is not aware of the City ever having mosquito control. He said the City evidently has a few areas with mosquitos, however, the council has not found the cost for mosquito control to be practical.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Bryant moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilmember Shetron seconded and all voted for.

DENISE M. JOHNSTON, CITY CLERK

RICK ELUMBAUGH, MAYOR